

Big Eight Champs! The Orange Bowl

LINCOLN, Ne. — "Big Eight Champs! The Orange Bowl!"

Those were the cries following Nebraska's 31-7 victory over Iowa State last Saturday in Memorial Stadium. Combined with Missouri's 19-14 upset of Oklahoma in Columbia, Mo., the victory gave the Cornhuskers undisputed claim to the conference title, one week before their annual showdown with the Sooners.

Nebraska really didn't start rolling toward its first outright Big Eight championship in head coach Tom Osborne's nine seasons until the fourth quarter against Iowa State, when a 49-yard field goal by Eddie Neil and a 63-yard punt return for a touchdown by sophomore Irving Fryar opened the gates.

Neil broke a 7-7 tie by nailing his second field goal in two weeks just eight seconds into the final quarter, and less than two minutes later, Fryar scored his second touchdown off a punt return this season to stun the Cyclones. Before the period was over, the opportunistic Cornhuskers had scored 24 points.

Nebraska sputtered early, both offensively and defensively, but the Cornhusker Black Shirts came out following a halftime pep talk and shut down Iowa State's offense and the Big Eight's leading rusher, Cyclone tailback Dwayne Crutchfield.

Crutchfield rushed for 98 yards in the first half, but was thrown for a new of minus-one yard in the second half to finish with 97 yards in 25 carries.

Nebraska's defense produced four ISU turnovers, including pass interceptions by Henry Waechter and Kris Van Norman and fumble recoveries by Brent Evans and Curt Hinline.

NEBRASKA 31, IOWA STATE 7

Iowa State.....	0	7	0	0	—	7
Nebraska.....	0	7	0	24	—	31

How They Scored

ISU-NU		Time Left
	FIRST QUARTER No Scoring	
	SECOND QUARTER	
7-0	Crutchfield 2 run (Gifford kick) Drive: 74 yards in 14 plays.	9:41
7-7	Rozier 4 run (Seibel kick) Drive: 35 yards in 7 plays.	3:01
	THIRD QUARTER No Scoring.	
	FOURTH QUARTER	
7-10	Field Goal, Neil 49 yards Drive: 48 yards in 7 plays.	14:57
7-17	Fryar 63 yard punt return (Seibel kick)	13:12
7-24	Steels 5 pass from Gill (Seibel kick) Drive: 21 yards in 5 plays.	10:17
7-31	Bates 11 run (Seibel kick) Drive: 11 yards in 1 play.	9:52

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Please Rush!



Eddie Neill hits a 48-yard field goal which gave Nebraska the lead for good in the fourth quarter....



....and the celebration which follows would make you think the Huskers had just won the Big Eight title or something!



Toby Williams (97) and Jeff Merrell (74) put the pressure on Iowa State quarterback John Quinn.



Turner Gill may have been injured last week against the Cyclones, but he led the Huskers to their seventh straight win.



This sophomore combination (Turner Gill and Mike Rozier) has two more years in which to terrorize the Big Eight and make Miami a second home.



StThe Cyclones thought they had Phil Bates stopped. But the Husker fullback is hard to bring down.

Lockerroom Chatter



The Huskers

Tom Osborne, head coach — "I'm proud of the character our team showed after getting off to a 1-2 start. There wasn't any finger-pointing after we lost two games. All of us, players and coaches, pulled together and never lost confidence. I really feel glad to win our first clear-cut Big Eight championship, but our coaches and players won't feel like we've accomplished all we want unless we go down and beat Oklahoma."

Rodney Lewis, defensive back — "I hope the players realize we've got a tough game coming up and we have to work hard in practice for it. I want to be the undisputed Big Eight champs."

Tony Felici, defensive end — "I tell you what; I don't want to get caught up in the Orange Bowl. I want to beat Oklahoma."

Jimmy Williams, defensive end & co-captain — "I'll take it any way I can get it, but I'd rather beat Oklahoma down there; it would mean more. I knew Iowa State would give us a great effort. This is the same team that beat Oklahoma and beat Iowa. They came out and took it to us in the first half. They pushed us around and rammed the ball down our throats."

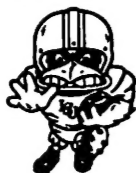
Mike Rozier, I-back — "I'm happy now. Before I left New Jersey, all my friends told me to bring home a (championship) ring. I really wanted that ring, and now I've got one. This will motivate us more next week against Oklahoma because we know we have the Big Eight. Our main objective now is to go out and beat Oklahoma and win a national championship."

Dan Hurley, offensive tackle — "At halftime, we heard Missouri was ahead. We knew this game was being played for the Big Eight championship. That gave us added incentive. We took momentum away from them in the second half, and (Irving) Fryar's punt return was the key to the game. It was the big play that killed them."

Anthony Steels, wingback — "People who watched me sing the national anthem could look in my eyes and see how badly I wanted to win this game. You could look in everyone else's eyes and see how badly they wanted it, too. That's great to win it for Coach Osborne. Now, we've got to beat Oklahoma for him. All the fans are worried about a jinx with Oklahoma. We aren't."

Mitch Krenk, right end — This (clinching the Big Eight title) will help; we'll be loose. None of us want to back in though. We want to win the Big Eight and Orange Bowl bid on our own. Most of us didn't care what happened in Missouri today (Saturday)."

Curt Hineline, middle guard — "The Orange Bowl is fun because of what it stands for — the Big Eight championship. You can talk about all the other bowls, the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl and the Cotton Bowl...but for a Big Eight player, the Orange Bowl, that's the one."



The Cyclones

Donnie Duncan, head coach — "Apparently Oklahoma is not the same team they were when we played them, but I don't know if there were injuries or some other circumstances. It's been too long since we played them to be accurate and fair. Both Nebraska and Oklahoma are very good. Nebraska is a very impressive team, about what we expected. They have good players in every position, and they played hard and were explosive. Their defense is solid and strong, and that was obvious in the fourth quarter."

Dwayne Crutchfield, tailback — "If I was a betting man, I'd want to say Oklahoma because they (the Sooners) have better talent and Nebraska because of their desire. Nebraska has good athletes, but I don't think as great as Oklahoma. Just on pride. I think OU can come back and beat Nebraska. Nebraska just has a group of good athletes, not a group of great athletes like OU. They're big, strong and physical, but not as talented as Oklahoma."

Shamas McDonough, defensive tackle — "Oklahoma has a better offense, but Nebraska has the better defense. If they can stop Stanley Wilson and contain him, Nebraska can win the game. Whatever, it's going to be a close slug-out."

John Quinn, quarterback — "Nebraska is physical, and Oklahoma is finesse. Oklahoma does not have the defense it has had in the past. Nebraska has great backs, but it doesn't have a great offensive line as it has had in the past. It was big plays for them and injuries for us. The field goal and that punt return got them ignited. We just had so many injuries hit our offensive linemen. We had inexperienced people playing against Nebraska, and that just makes it tough."

Season Stats

TEAM	Neb.	Opp.
First downs rushing	170	77
First downs passing	49	49
First downs penalty	4	7
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	223	133
Attempts rushing	598	450
Yards gained rushing	3480	1659
Yards lost rushing	159	392
NET YARDS RUSHING	3321	1267
Passes attempted	163	210
Passes completed	77	97
Passes had intercepted	10	19
NET YARDS PASSING	1029	1028
Total plays	761	660
TOTAL YARDAGE	4350	2295
Interception return yards	206	101
Punts-Yards	40-1729	71-3042
Punting average	43.2	42.8
Punts had blocked	2	0
Punt returns-yards	34-400	9-80
Kickoff returns-yds.	15-358	26-365
Penalties-yards	51-502	40-315
Fumbles-fumbles lost	43-24	36-20

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	att.	yds.	lost	net yds.	avg.	long	gain
Roger Craig	155	968	10	958	6.2	94	FS
Mike Rozier	127	840	2	838	6.6	93	KS
Phil Bates	82	484	4	480	5.9	39	MU
Turner Gill	76	335	72	263	3.5	30	OS

SCORING

	TD	2-Pat	FG	PAT	PTS
Kevin Seibel	—	—	3-10	39-40	48
Roger Craig	5	—	—	—	30
Mike Rozier	6	—	—	—	36
Phil Bates	6	—	—	—	36
Jamie Williams	4	—	—	—	24
Irving Fryar	4	—	—	—	24
Turner Gill	3	—	—	—	18

SCORE BY QUARTERS

OPPONENTS.....	16	37	16	20	—	89
NEBRASKA.....	55	58	101	98	—	312

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(all games)

	unassisted tackles	assisted tackles	total	tackle for loss
LINEMEN				
Tony Felici	35	26	61	16-92
Jeff Merrell	29	29	58	9-42
Henry Waechter	38	23	61	7-30
Jimmy Williams	40	20	60	18-69
LINEBACKERS				
Steve Damkroger	54	57	111	8-31
Brent Evans	48	52	100	4-24
Mike Knox	6	7	13	2-2
BACKS				
Jeff Krejci	28	26	54	0-0
Rodney Lewis	23	13	36	1-1
Sammy Sims	13	12	25	0-0

PASS RECEIVING

	caught	yds.	avg.	TD
Ja Williams	22	282	12.8	4
Todd Brown	13	260	20.0	3
Roger Craig	10	81	8.1	0
Anthony Steels	13	157	12.1	2

PASSING

	Att-Com	Yds.	Int.	TD
Turner Gill	91-47	619	4	9
Mark Mauer	53-24	312	3	4

Game Stats

TEAM	ISU	Neb.
First downs rushing	10	10
First downs passing	3	5
First downs penalty	0	0
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	13	15
Attempts rushing	43	51
Yards gained rushing	182	216
Yards lost rushing	21	11
NET YARDS RUSHING	161	205
Passes attempted	25	17
Passes completed	17	7
Passes had intercepted	2	1
NET YARDS PASSING	85	67
Total plays	68	68
TOTAL YARDAGE	246	272
Interception return yards	4	2
Punts-Yards	8-315	6-282
Punting average	39.4	47.0
Punts blocked	0	0
Punt returns-yards	1-2	4-108
Kickoff returns-yds.	2-32	1-22
Penalties-yards	5-48	3-36
Fumbles-fumbles lost	3-2	4-3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Iowa State — Quinn 8 carries for 25 yards, 0 TD, 37 yard long gain; Lorenzen 4 for 11, 0, 4; Crutchfield 25 for 97, 1, 15; Roach 1 for 5, 0, 5; Davis 3 for 14, 0, 6; English 1 for 6, 0, 6; Greene 1 for 3, 0, 3.

NEBRASKA — Craig 11 carries for 52 yards, 0 TD, 15 yard long gain; Bates 9 for 43, 1, 13; Gill 8 for 22, 0, 14; Steels 1 for 5, 0, 5; Rozier 14 for 62, 1, 14; Mauer 2 for -4, 0, 3; Brungardt 3 for 12, 0, 6; Mathison 2 for 9, 0, 7; Moravec 1 for 4, 0, 4.

Passing

Iowa State — Quinn 16 completions, 23 attempts for 77 yards, 2 int., 11 yard long play; English 1 for 2, 8, 0, 8.

NEBRASKA — Mauer 1 completions, 1 attempts for 10 yards, 0 int., 0 TD; 10 yard long play; Gill 5 completions, 15 attempts for 50 yards, 1 int., 1 TD, 15 yard long play; Mathison 1 for 1, 7, 0, 7.

Receiving

Iowa State — Lorenzen 4 catches for 17 yards, 0 TD, 9 yard long play; Davis 3 for 10, 0, 5; Roach 2 for 4, 0, 3; Crutchfield 2 for 11, 0, 6; Geise 3 for 25, 0, 11; Wade 1 for 6, 0, 6; Gillis 2 for 12, 0, 8.

NEBRASKA — Steels 3 catches for 28 yards, 1 TD, 15 yard long play; Brown 2 for 22, 0, 11; Wilkening 1 for 7, 0, 7; Brungardt 1 for 10, 0, 10.

Kick Returns

Iowa State — Wade 1 punt return for 2 yards, 1 kickoff return for 16 yards; McDonough 1 interception return for 4 yards; McCue 1 kickoff return for 16 yards.

NEBRASKA — Lyday 1 punt return for 9 yards; Fryar 3 punt returns for 99 yards; Steels 1 kickoff return for 22 yards; Waechter 1 interception return for 2 yards; Van Norman 1 interception return for 0 yards.

Defensive

Iowa State — Ransom 4 unassisted, 4 assists for 8 tackles; McDonough 9-11 for 20; Butts 0-0 for 0; Boskey 2-2 for 4; Jessen 4-2 for 6; Moore 0-0 for 0; Little 5-2 for 7; Washington 3-4 for 7; Fischer 6-4 for 10; Chrison 1-0 for 1; Smoldt 0-1 for 1; Brown, Joe 5-4 for 9; Fongers 3-2 for 5; Osborne 12-5 for 17; Longshore 2-0 for 2; Stallworth 1-1 for 2; Coughlin 1-0 for 1; McCue 1-1 for 2; Carlson 1-0 for 1.

NEBRASKA — Damkroger 7 unassisted, 5 assists for 12; J. Williams 3-1 for 4; T. Williams 3-3 for 6; Merrell 2-1 for 3; Waechter 7-4 for 11; Felici 3-2 for 5; Weber 2-0 for 2; Hineline 1-0 for 1; Ridder 1-0 for 1; Freaner 1-0 for 1; Evans 6-5 for 11; Knox 1-0 for 1; McWhirter 5-5 for 10; Spratte 1-0 for 1; Sculley 1-0 for 1; Holbrook 0-1 for 1; Lindquist 5-0 for 5; Sims 0-3 for 3; Lewis 4-0 for 4; Krejci 4-2 for 6; Iodence 0-0 for 0; Van Norman 2-0 for 2; Lyday 2-0 for 2; Fryar 1-0 for 1; Moravec 0-1 for 1.

The Way We See It...

Dan Creedon

sports editor, Boulder (Col.) Camera
"If the Sooners don't win this one, they may not even go to a bowl game. There are no guarantees for a 5-4-1 team with one game left to play, especially when that team trailed Kansas State, 21-0. I still can't believe Oklahoma isn't a better football team than its record. If Turner Gill can't play, it changes the whole complexion of the game. It's just more incentive for Oklahoma. **Oklahoma 24, Nebraska 14.**"

Doug Tucker

sports editor, Associated Press, Kansas City
"It's an absolute shame. Something always seems to happen to take the bloom off the rose for Tom Osborne. The year he beats Oklahoma, he has to play'em again in the Orange Bowl. And when he wins his first undisputed Big Eight championship, he loses Turner Gill. There's no question Nebraska is the better football team. But after nine fumbles at Missouri, the Sooners will finally hold onto the ball. **Oklahoma 35, Nebraska 31.**"

Steve Richardson

Kansas City Star
"Turner Gill or no Turner Gill, Nebraska's offensive line is still one of the best in the country and the Sooners' defense is making Barry Switzer sick. **Nebraska 27, Oklahoma 14.**"

Maury White

Des Moines Register
"After covering the Nebraska-Iowa State game, I was ready to pick the Huskers to beat Oklahoma by two touchdowns. But with Turner Gill out, it's anybody's game. Gill completely changed the Nebraska team I saw against Penn State. I'm sorry to see him miss this one. I don't know. It's a tossup now. **I can't pick a winner.**"

Lyell Bremser

KFAB Radio, Omaha
"I was prepared to pick Nebraska, without a doubt. But who knows what's going to happen now? It's anybody's game. Maybe it'll juice up Nebraska a little more. Maybe they'll go out and win this one for Turner. I'm not picking this one. **It's too close to call.**"

Chuck Woodling

sports editor, Lawrence Journal-World
"Even without Turner Gill, I'm going to go with the Huskers. They just have too much incentive. Oklahoma has to be dispirited. The Sooners aren't used to losing three games. **I still don't pick scores, but I still like Nebraska.** If Mike Rozier isn't the best second-team running back in the country, I don't know who is."

Chris Lincoln

KTUL-TV, Tulsa
"I don't know what to say about an Oklahoma-Nebraska game that means nothing. I've always thought that nobody plays better than Oklahoma where there are high stakes involved. But the Sooners lost at Missouri, and there are no more high stakes for them. There is no way Oklahoma should win, but I think they will. **Oklahoma 24, Nebraska 17.** There is nothing Barry Switzer would love more than to leave the Orange Bowl with a host team that has three losses."

Mike Babcock

Lincoln Journal and Star
"The time has come. Turner Gill or not, for Nebraska to beat Oklahoma. The Cornhuskers have experienced too many frustrations in the last few seasons to be denied this time around. The Big Eight title is theirs; a trip to the Orange Bowl is theirs; now the Oklahoma game will be theirs. Based on emotion, not logic: **Nebraska 28, Oklahoma 21.**"

Joe Patrick

WOW Radio, Omaha
"Looking at comparative scores, you'd think this might be a year where Nebraska could win fairly comfortably. But that usually doesn't work in this game. Even with Turner out, I'm crazy about Nebraska's defense. It has the unity and the personnel to get the ball and give an offense plenty of chances, even if it isn't functioning. **Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14.**"

Al Carter

Daily Oklahoman
"That Roger Rozier is the best Nebraska I-back ever. The Sooners can only regret that Denny Sheels did not pan out as well. The Cornhuskers will win the game. 30-21 — that is, if you're talking about the game this Saturday in Norman and not the rematch in Miami. Little joke, there. Tom."

Al Eschbach

KTOX Radio, OKC
"Obviously, if the Sooners fumble the football like they did at Kansas State and Missouri, they're going to get beat. All the emotion is with Nebraska. They are riding a crest of momentum with seven wins in a row, the Big Eight championship and Orange Bowl all wrapped up. Nebraska has consistently come up with the big play this year, on offense and especially on defense. That's what Oklahoma needs to do. But I think it will be **Nebraska 24, Oklahoma 21.**"

John Brooks

Voice of the Sooners
"If Turner Gill is absent, it will have a major effect on the game. But the biggest effect may still be whether Oklahoma has the pride to play for something less than the top of the mountain. The comments I caught in the dressing room after the Missouri loss were about 50-50 as to how the Sooners would react this week. Nebraska should have a slight edge in talent. The deciding edge may be in Sooner attitude. Oklahoma is capable of winning it and may well, but I see it **Nebraska, 20-14.**"

Bill Land

KRMG Radio, Tulsa
"Nebraska always loses to OU. The Sooners have played poorly the last two weeks, and it's about time to put it together. Gill is the key for Nebraska. OU should be especially loose, even though they could well be playing for a bowl bid. **Oklahoma 21, Nebraska 13.**"

Ron Thulin

KTVY-TV, OKC
"If they have everybody healthy, the Sooners can win. But they're pretty banged up. They realize it's all on the line now. If they want to finish with some pride and go to a bowl, they need to beat Nebraska. **Oklahoma 28, Nebraska 24.**"

The Huskers Say...

The Huskers Illustrated
"Through all the fanfare and all the attention showered on Turner Gill, we've forgotten a rather fundamental fact — Mark Mauer is still a competent quarterback. His teammates believe in him. That's why they voted him captain. If Darrell Dickey can take Kansas State's offense and control the ball almost 40 minutes on Oklahoma, Mauer also can inflict major damage on the Sooners. This is a great time for his teammates to rally around him and a great time for him to show he can still do the job. **Nebraska 24, Oklahoma 20.**"

1981 Big 8 Standings

	CONF.	W	L	T	PF	PA	ALL	W	L	T	PF	PA
Nebraska (x).....	6	0	0		230	32	8	2	0		312	89
Oklahoma.....	3	1	1		143	54	5	3	1		260	139
Oklahoma State.....	3	2	0		84	94	6	3	0		151	149
Missouri.....	3	3	0		132	97	7	3	0		246	123
Kansas.....	3	3	0		97	121	7	3	0		169	174
Iowa State.....	2	3	1		83	95	5	4	1		182	190
Kansas State.....	1	5	0		71	190	2	8	0		143	273
Colorado.....	1	5	0		35	192	2	8	0		117	301

(x) Clinched Big 8 title

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Coach Osborne's Evaluation

Tom Osborne doesn't like it any better than anyone else, but Nebraska's head coach knows that losing quarterback Turner Gill to leg surgery is part of football and the game must go on.

Osborne only hopes that the Cornhuskers start their season finale at Oklahoma better than they began the home season windup against Iowa State.

"We didn't play real well in the first half," he admitted. "It was like the Kansas game. They (the Cyclones) were more ready to play than we were. We got pushed around, statistically and in time possession. We were the second best team on the field in the first half."

Although Nebraska made a dramatic second half turnaround, Osborne thought "the only area where we dominated the whole game was the kicking game. That was the biggest difference in the game — our punting, all our return yards and the 48-yard field goal."

Osborne admitted he was puzzled by his team's slow start. "It's hard to explain," he said. "We just didn't seem to be as ready to play as we should have been."

Gill's injury minimized his offensive effectiveness. The sophomore quarterback, who has started all six of Nebraska's wins in the Big Eight this season, rushed for only 22 yards on eight carries and completed only five of 15 passes for 50 yards and a touchdown while suffering an interception.

Gill sustained the injury when he was kicked in the leg in the first quarter. "We can't see it on film, but it got real sore and caused some hemorrhaging," Osborne said. "It got more painful as the game went on."

The outside calf area in Gill's right leg became swollen, producing what is called "anterior compartment syndrome" in medical terms.

Dr. Pat Clare, NU's team physician who helped perform the 25-minute surgery early Sunday morning, said it was necessary to alleviate pressure on the nerve, so the muscle could expand normally.

Clare had checked Gill after the game and "even though he was sore, everything seemed to be working okay." A friend of Gill's telephoned Clare about 7 p.m. Saturday and said Gill was uncomfortable.

Clare met him at a local hospital, examined him and decided to check him in because a tingling sensation in Gill's toes "was a tipoff that there was pressure on the nerve."

Four hours later, Clare examined Gill again and determined that his condition had worsened because of in-

creased numbness. Dr. Paul Collicott, a Lincoln vascular surgeon, agreed with Clare that surgery was necessary. The two combined on the surgery.

"Time is very important on this type of injury," Clare said. "It can go from numbness in the toe to complete muscle loss. That can be devastating to anyone, not just an athlete. Because it's potentially dangerous, we didn't feel we could risk waiting."

The surgery was relatively minor, requiring two small incisions in the anterior compartment, which, according to Clare, "is like a large sausage with a tough outer casing. We split the casing to take the pressure off the nerve."

Clare was encouraged Sunday evening because Gill "was feeling more comfortable." But he ruled him out of the Oklahoma game "because he still has significant nerve problems. I wouldn't rule him out of the Orange Bowl, though. I've seen people come back in a matter of a few weeks and I've seen 'em o three or four months. It's a waiting game. At least he's better than he was. That's step one."

Gill's absence puts the ball into the hands of senior co-captain Mark Mauer and junior Bruce Mathison. "They can play," Osborne said. "They don't have Turner's quickness. But they can throw, they know the offense and they can run."

Gill's injury is a major loss to Nebraska. But, Osborne pointed out, "we've had a lot of guys stay healthy, too. Nate Mason has been the only major injury."

Even though Nebraska has clinched the Orange Bowl host spot, Osborne considers Saturday's assignment in Norman a dangerous one. The Sooners, despite having a lot of talent and a disappointing 5-3-1 record, have pride and a bowl berth of their own for which to play.

"We haven't played a game in five weeks where someone hasn't had a lot to play for," Osborne pointed out. "It started with Missouri, then Kansas, Oklahoma State and Iowa State. It seems like everyone has had their backs to the wall about the time we hit 'em."

The stakes are smaller, but Osborne expects a typical Nebraska-Oklahoma battle.

"The psychology of this game won't make much difference," Osborne said. "Whoever wins and whoever loses won't be because somebody didn't have as much to play for. It just means somebody won and somebody lost."

Injury Report

Although Nebraska's injury attention this week has focused on quarterback Turner Gill's leg injury, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne continued to show concern for the Huskers' tight ends.

NU starter Jamie Williams was sidelined early in the first quarter of the Iowa State game because of a chronic knee injury. Osborne said Williams' availability for the Oklahoma game is extremely doubtful.

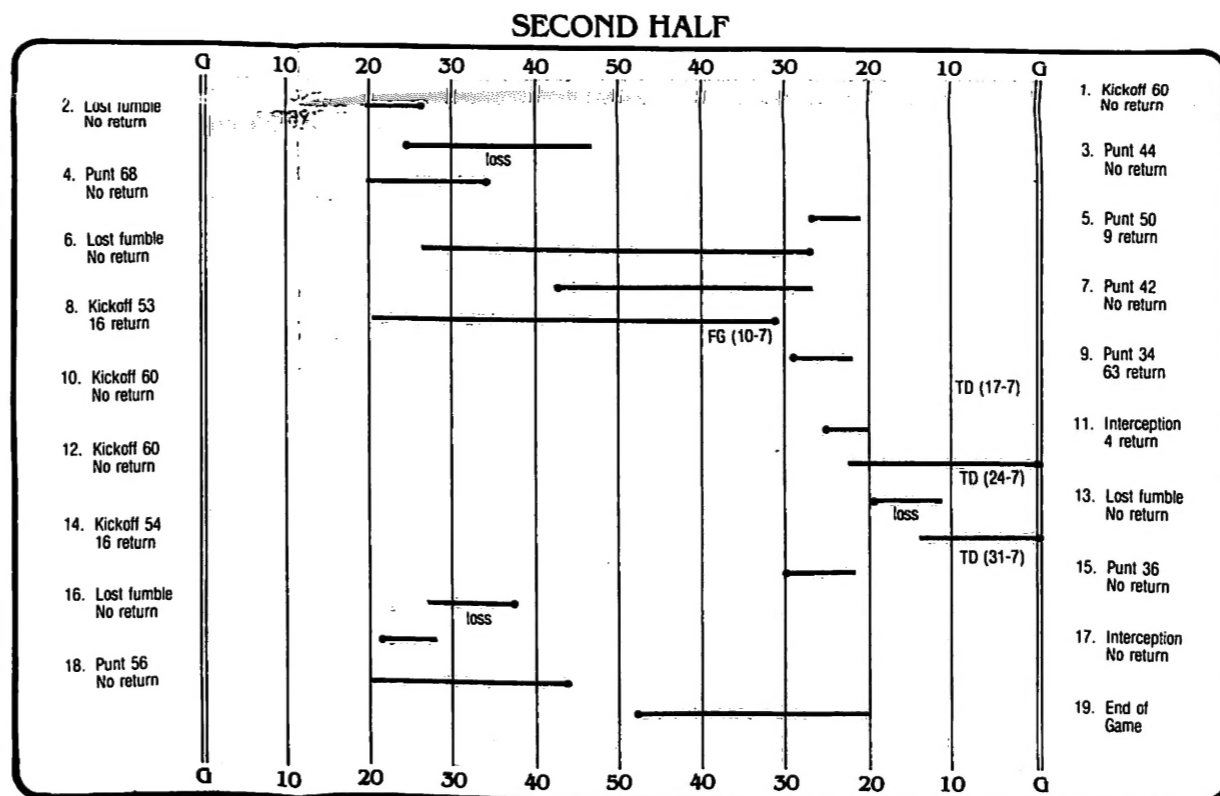
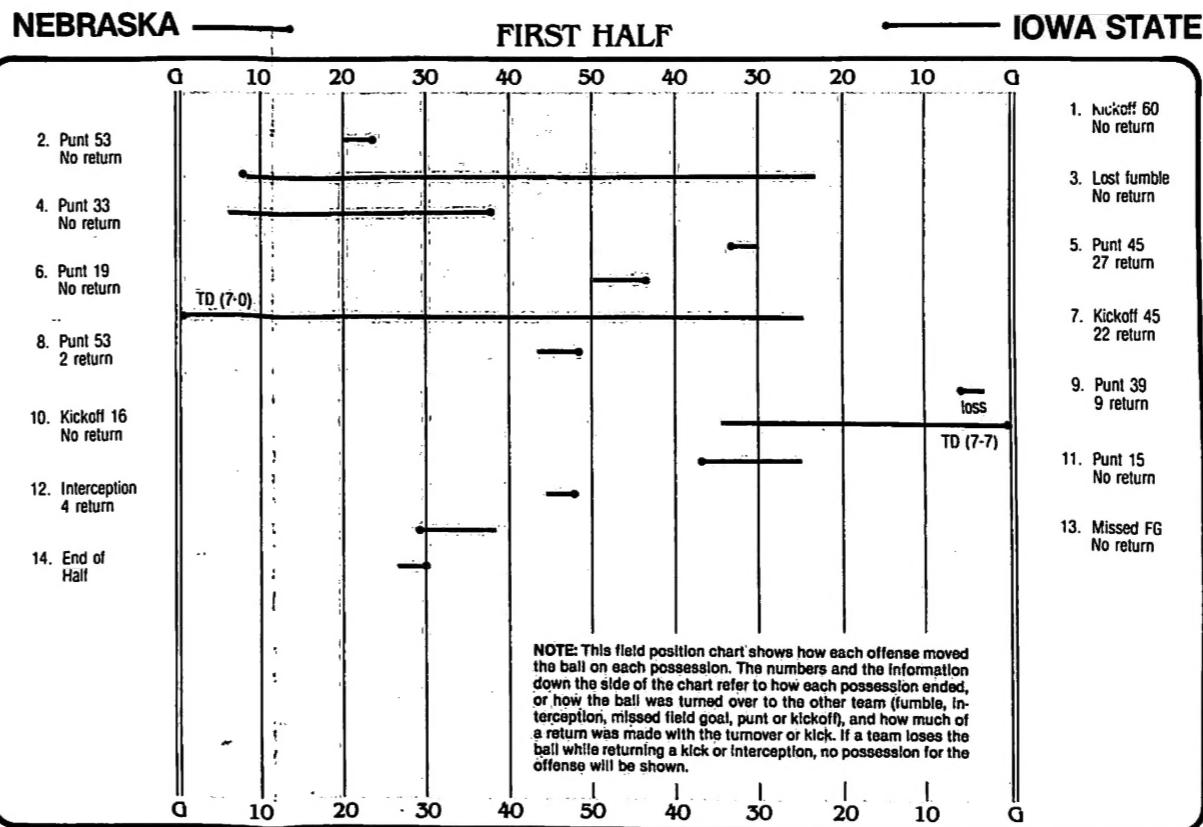
Osborne said Nebraska was "really fortunate" that second-team tight end Mitch Krenk "held together" against the Cyclones.

"I was scared to death he'd only last one play, too," Osborne admitted. Krenk has been bothered with a thigh injury.

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Field Position



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The Lineups

TWO DEEP

NEBRASKA DEFENSE

LE
96 Jimmy Williams, 6-3, 220, Sr.
87 Bill Weber, 6-2, 208, Fr.

LT
97 Toby Williams, 6-4, 255, Jr.
93 Tom Gdowski, 6-3, 244, Jr.

SLB
35 Steve Damkroger, 6-1, 221, Jr.
40 Mike Knox, 6-2, 215, Fr.

MG
74 Jeff Merrell, 6-4, 258, Jr.
59 Curt Hinesline, 6-2, 244, Sr.

WLB
48 Brent Evans, 6-2, 225, Jr.
45 Steve McWhirter, 6-3, 218, Jr.

RT
75 Henry Waechter, 6-6, 270, Sr.
99 Dave Stromath, 6-4, 250, Sr.

RE
46 Tony Felici, 6-1, 202, Jr.
86 David Ridder, 6-2, 211, So.

LC
15 Ric Lindquist, 5-9, 180, Sr.
14 Brian Iodence, 5-9, 171, Sr.

S
2 Jeff Krejci, 6-0, 178, Sr.
38 Kris Van Norman, 6-0, 197, Jr.

RC
5 Rodney Lewis, 6-0, 190, Sr.
18 Allen Lyday, 5-10, 185, Jr.

MON
6 Sammy Sims, 6-0, 190, Sr.
38 Kris Van Norman, 6-0, 197, Jr.

OFFENSE

TE
80 Jamie Williams, 6-4, 227, Jr.
89 Mitch Krenk, 6-3, 225, Jr.

LT
65 Randy Theiss, 6-3, 261, Jr.
70 Jeff Kwapick, 6-3, 248, Jr.

LG
68 Mike Mandelko, 6-1, 255, Jr.
71 Dean Steinkuhler, 6-3, 260, So.

C
50 Dave Rimington, 6-3, 285, Jr.
55 Brad Johnson, 6-3, 243, Jr.

RG
78 Tom Carlstrom, 6-5, 261, Sr.
69 Kurt Glatthar, 6-2, 250, Jr.

RT
73 Dan Hurley, 6-3, 272, Sr.
72 Scott Raridon, 6-4, 250, So.

SE
29 Todd Brown, 6-0, 173, Jr.
88 Scott Woodard, 5-9, 168, Sr.

QB
17 Mark Mauer, 6-1, 193, Sr.
19 Bruce Mathison, 6-4, 198, Jr.

WB
33 Anthony Steels, 5-8, 185, Sr.
27 Irving Fryar, 6-0, 190, So.

FB
43 Phil Bates, 6-2, 215, Sr.
34 Doug Wilkening, 6-2, 210, So.

I-B
21 Roger Craig, 6-2, 216, Jr.
30 Mike Rozier, 5-11, 205, So.

KO & PAT
49 Kevin Seibel, 6-2, 246, Jr.
13 Eddie Neil, 5-8, 186, Jr.

P
24 Grant Campbell, 6-1, 185, Jr.
49 Kevin Seibel, 6-2, 240, Jr.

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TE
86 Jeff Williams, 6-1, 221, Sr.
85 Darin Berryhill, 6-5, 235, Fr.

LT
61 Ed Culver, 6-3, 260, Sr.
77 Elbert Graham, 6-3, 267, Jr.

LG
75 Terry Crouch, 6-1, 275, Sr.
67 Rocky Hubble, 6-2, 244, Jr.

C
51 Bill Bechtold, 6-4, 245, Sr.
73 Chuck Thomas, 6-3, 240, So.

RG
60 Don Key, 6-2, 246, Jr.
76 Steve Williams, 6-4, 271, Jr.

RT
79 Lyndle Byford, 6-5, 280, Sr.
62 Paul Parker, 6-3, 260, So.

SE
12 Bobby Grayson, 5-9, 179, Sr.
82 Paul Clewis, 6-1, 180, Fr.

QB
8 Darrell Shepard, 5-11, 180, Sr.
7 Kelly Phelps, 5-11, 195, Jr.

LHB
4 Buster Rhymes, 6-3, 220, So.
13 Steve Sewell, 6-4, 190, Fr.

FB
32 Stanley Wilson, 6-0, 196, Jr.
23 Fred Sims, 5-10, 202, Jr.

RHB
34 Alvin Ross, 6-1, 195, Fr.
36 Ron Mills, 5-9, 185, Fr.

DEFENSE

LE
57 Steve Whaley, 6-3, 227, Sr.
88 Mike Weddington, 6-2, 241, Jr.

LT
80 Rick Bryan, 6-4, 244, So.
97 Greg Sims, 6-5, 265, Fr.

SLB
38 Thomas Benson, 6-2, 221, So.
47 Sherdeil Breathett, 6-0, 215, Sr.

NG
95 Johnnie Lewis, 6-1, 232, Sr.
98 Danny Wilson, 6-0, 238, So.

WLB
49 Jackie Shipp, 6-3, 218, So.
45 Jerry Sanders, 6-0, 210, Jr.

RT
68 Bob Slater, 6-5, 249, So.
55 Paul Ferrer, 6-2, 225, Fr.

RE
41 John Truitt, 6-3, 215, So.
53 Orlando Flanagan, 6-2, 212, Sr.

LC
3 Barrion Walker, 5-11, 164, So.
6 Steve Haworth, 6-1, 190, Jr.

SS
25 Gary Lowell, 6-0, 192, Jr.
19 Keith Stanberry, 6-1, 193, Fr.

FS
33 Dwight Drane, 6-2, 200, So.
18 Lawrence Hardin, 6-2, 199, Fr.

RC
17 Elbert Watts, 6-3, 196, Fr.
15 Karl Peters, 5-10, 175, So.

KO & PAT
99 Michael Keeling, 6-3, 195, Jr.
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